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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 1, 2021

**TO:** Mac Warner  
Secretary of State

**FROM:** Bill J. Crouch *BJC*  
Secretary of Department of Health and Human Resources

**RE:** Child Placing Agencies Licensure  
W. Va. C.S.R. § 78-2

The Bureau for Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Resources requests that W. Va. C.S.R. §78-2 be temporarily suspended in part effective immediately pursuant to W. Va. Code §15-5-6(c)(7) and the State of Emergency declared by Governor Justice on March 16, 2020.

W. Va. C.S.R. § 78-2 establishes and sets forth the requirements for child placing agencies. Strict compliance with the following provisions will hinder and delay necessary action in coping with the emergency declared by the Governor in so far as these provisions require in-person visitation between children and families:

**W.Va. C.S.R. §78-2.9.1.6.**

**W.Va. C.S.R. §78-2.9.6.2.g.**

If granted, the Bureau for Children and Families further requests that the rule be suspended until such time as the State of Emergency is lifted.

This memorandum supersedes all other such memoranda. Except as stated herein, all other regulations previously suspended are now in full force and effect.